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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/17/05.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 17-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 17-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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This office action is responsive to the amendment filed on 10/17/05.

Drawings

The drawings were received on 10/17/05. These drawings corrections are approved by the examiner.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hirano et al (2002/0196576 A1).

With regards to claims 1 and 17, Hirano et al discloses a method of recording eccentricity correction data for position control over a recording and reproducing head on a disk having at least one user data recording area (See abstract, figs. 2, 9 and 13 and disclosure thereof, col.1 paragraph [0006] and [0016] comprising steps of recording the eccentricity correction data at a location in a user data recording area (see fig. 9 element 32 and disclosure thereof) in consideration of a yaw angle (See paragraph [0041]; wherein the eccentricity correction data location is different from a user data written location (see fig. 9 element 32 and paragraphs [0006] and [00045])).

With regards to claims 2-3, 18-19, Hirano et al disclose that the eccentricity correction data are recorded for all cylinders of the disk (See paragraph [0045])).

With regards to claims 6 and 7, see Hirano et al figs. 1-2 and 9 and disclosure thereof.

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With regards to claim 8, Hirano et al discloses that the eccentricity correction data are recorded in a center area of each cylinder (See paragraph [0041] and [0007]).

With regards to claim 20, the limitation recited in the apparatus claim 20 corresponds to the method steps recited in claims 1 and 17, therefore the rejection applied to claims 1 and 17 above in this office action is also applied to claim 20 for the same reasons of anticipation.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirano et al in view of Shibata (2002/0126412).

With regards to claim 4, Hirano et al discloses the method of recording eccentricity correction data as described above in this office action but fails to specify that the initial eccentricity correction data are updated as needed during an operation on the disk recording medium.

Shibata, however disclose such capability (see fig. 7 elements A1 and A12 and disclosure thereof). Shibata further disclose that the eccentricity correction data are recorded for each frequency component individually (see paragraph [0078]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time this invention was made to modify the disclosure of Hirano et al with the above teachings from Shibata in order

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to provide a capability of updating the initial eccentricity correction data as needed during the operation to obtain accurate head positioning control.

Response to Remarks

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8 and 17-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Varsha A. Kapadia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7557. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon Tue and Thurs. from 6:30 AM to 2:00 PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on 571 272 7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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